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5. Passengers leaving this port for ports in the United States or Porto Rico must obtain a health certificate from the quarantine officer before going aboard the vessel.

6. Seamen shipping on vessels bound for the United States or Porto Rico must comply with the same rules as passengers.

7. The baggage of passengers and the dunnage of seamen shipped at this port bound for United States or Porto Rican ports must be inspected and labeled before being permitted aboard the vessel.

G. M. GUITÉRAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Report from Nuevitas.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *April 10, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended April 7, 1900:

During the week 7 vessels have arrived and 7 bills of health have been issued at this port. No death has occurred in the week.

Puerto Padre.—Nine arrivals and 8 bills of health. No death occurred.

Gibara.—Seven vessels arrived and 6 bills of health issued. Deaths, 2. Sanitary conditions good.

No quarantinable disease has occurred during this week at any point of the district. Dr. Ariza will correspond with some responsible physician at Puerto Principe in reference to the health conditions there.

Respectfully,

OWEN W. STONE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Santiago, Manzanillo, Guantanamo, and Daiquiri.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *April 4, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the sanitary condition of the fourth district of the island of Cuba for the week ended March 31, 1900:

Santiago.—There was a total of 24 deaths in the civil population, the same as the preceding period. The following were the principal causes: Tuberculosis, 3; tetanus, 2; malarial fevers, 3; intestinal diseases, 4; heart disease, 2; kidney disease, 2; other causes, 8; total, 24. Population, 43,000; mortality, 29. No smallpox or yellow fever reported; chicken pox is still reported from time to time, 3 cases being reported for this period.

The German steamship *Schleswig* from Cartagena, Colombia, arrived March 28, 1900, and was permitted to discharge cargo in quarantine and then proceed to sea for mechanical cleaning. This procedure will be applied to all vessels coming from clean ports in South and Central America.

Twenty-four certificates were issued to passengers bound for the States; 37 pieces of baggage were inspected and passed and 9 pieces disinfected and passed.

Quite a serious accident occurred on Sunday evening while disinfecting some baggage for the steamship *City of Washington*. Steam was escaping from one end of the cylinder and 2 men were screwing the the patent door tighter, when the cam became loosened and carried the eccentric past the center, permitting the door to blow out. Fortunately there was but 5 pounds pressure on the chamber, else the men would have been killed; as it was both were rendered unconscious and had